

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims:**

Claims 1-19 are currently pending.

By this Amendment, claims 1, 7 and 13-19 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-19 would be pending.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1-4, 7-10 and 13-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clapp et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,192) and Rodriguez et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,207) and Chivers (U.S. Patent No. 4,376,973). Claims 5-6 and 11-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Clapp et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,073,192) and Rodriguez et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,207) and Chivers (U.S. Patent No. 4,376,973) as applied in claims above, and further in view of Kato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,898,824). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims, for the reasons set forth below.

Independent claims 1, 7 and 13-19, as amended, is directed to an arrangement involving inhibiting change from said first operation mode to said second operation mode or change from said second operation mode to said first operation mode, while communicating with said other terminal device. Applicant respectfully submits that at least the above-noted feature, as amended, is not disclosed or suggested by the cited references, individually or in combination.

Accordingly, claims 1, 7 and 13-19 and their dependent claims are distinguishable over the cited references, individually or in combination.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4681.

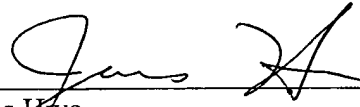
In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1232-4681.

Respectfully submitted,
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